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Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 14, 16 and 19 are independent. In addition, the specification has been amended to identify a related application, to correct minor typographical errors and to editorially place the application in conformance with U. S. practice.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Daniel K. Dorsey (Reg. No. 32,520) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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